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Attached is a sketch of the plant of the Skoda Works at Pilsen. The lines indicate the main railway tracks which run through the plant, but the small-gauge railway track is not shown. The numbers which appear on the sketch refer to the following buildings and installations within the Skoda Works:

1. Personnel Department:

- a. Chief: Dr. Jur. Vladimir Gross [redacted]  
b. Inspector: Antonin Dosek [redacted]  
c. Secretary: Poslt [redacted]  
d. STB Representative: Josef Dvorak [redacted]

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2. Testing Department, which contains laboratories, testing shops, and the offices of the Works' Council. Placek [redacted] is the head of the Works' Council.

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3. Entrance No. 7 and Porter's Lodge.

4. Carpersmith Shop, which belongs to Engineering Shop No. 49. It produces copper forgings for use in the Skoda Works, and it has a total of 300 employees working in one shift.

- ### 5. Entrance Gate.

6. Machine Manufacturing (or Engineering) Department No. 72. This manufactures stationary steam engines, turbines, Diesel engines, machine tools, and pumps. Employees number 1,200. Chief of the heavy fittings shop is foreman Lang,

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7. Administrative Building, which contains managements for the smelting works, organization of production, and pattern shop for the machine-manufacturing shops. Headquarters of the works' militia and guardroom are also in this building.
8. Main Entrance No. 1 and Porter's Lodge.
9. Apletur No. II (sic), which makes small machine parts for all departments and employs 1,000 men.
- 9a. Tempering Shop, which contains special baths used solely for tempering gun barrels.
10. Bank of the Skoda Works.
11. Housing Office and local Administrative Office.
12. Foundry, which manufactures small parts such as cylinder blocks and employs about 1,000 workers.
13. Tinsmith Shop, which makes smaller welded (sic) constructions and employs 300 persons.
14. Gasometer.
15. Iron Casting Shop, which operates in three 8-hour shifts of 900 men each shift.
16. Forge, which makes large and heavy forgings such as ship's screws and shafts of every type; it employs 1,000 men.
17. Electric Power (generating or transforming) Station and Works Management for the entire Skoda Works.
18. Canteen.
19. Water Condensers.
20. Machine Shop, which makes locomotive parts. It contains a large machine-table measuring 25 m. in diameter, and also housings (or templets) for the construction of warship turrets. It employs 1,200 workers. 50X1-HUM
21. Small Tempering Shop, which makes forgings in small sizes for the machine shops and motor vehicle shop. It employs 1,200 men in one shift.
22. Repair Shop for Railways, which repairs and maintains the engines and trucks of the narrow-gauge railways of the Skoda Works. It has 50 employees.
23. Factory Railway Engine Shed, or Roundhouse.
24. Apletur (sic), which makes large, heavy machine parts and propeller shafts and propellers.
25. Electrotechnical Shops, which repair and maintain plant equipment; they employ 50 men.
26. Motor Vehicle Repair Shop, which belongs to the motor vehicle manufacturing shop. This shop repairs tanks and vehicles and employs 350-400 men. 50X1-HUM  
Ing. Friauf is in charge of the shop [redacted]
27. Technical Offices for Military Material.
28. Shell Lathe Shop No. II, which contains lathes for producing medium-caliber shells. It employs 400 men.
29. Boiler Shop, which makes all types of boilers out of all metals. It employs 850-900 men, and Pamuska [redacted] is in charge. 50X1-HUM

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30. Assembly Shop No. 1, which makes heavy field, naval, and anti-aircraft guns. It employs 1,000 men. and Kindl [redacted] 50X1-HUM
31. Fire Station.
32. Underground A.R.P. Shelter; a store for iron ingots is above it.
33. Tinsmith Shop, which does light-metal welding and employs 400 men.
34. Small-tempering Shop, which employs 200-250 men.
35. Shell-pressing Shop, which uses hydraulic presses on small-caliber projectiles. It employs 400-450 men.
36. Open Store for material and ingots, with a crane for the small forge.
37. Shell Lathe Shop No. I, which produces large-caliber shells. It employs 800 men, and Ing. Mares [redacted] is head of the shop. 50X1-HUM
- 37a. Hardening Plant for Shell Lathe Shop No. 1, which employs 200 men in one shift.
38. Coal Bunkers.
39. Technical Equipment Store V, which stores electrotechnical material.
40. Offices of Trade Union.
41. Entrance No. 3 and Porter's Lodge.
42. Store for Prototypes and Scale Models. This store was damaged during the war and is now being restored.
43. Pattern Shop for all Skoda factories; it employs 1,000 men in one shift.
44. Gun Foundry IV, which is used only as an assembly hall where finished equipment can be inspected before delivery.
45. Gun Foundry III, which is used to assemble small-caliber and anti-aircraft guns and to repair salvaged guns; it also assembles communications equipment. It employs 1,200 men in one shift.
46. Management of Arms Departments, which contain administrative and design offices for gun barrels and breech blocks.
47. Fuse Shop, which makes every type of fuse to be used mainly by the filling and assembly plant at Ziegler Dul, Nyrany. This shop contains special machinery and capstan lathes for special production; it is also the technical military office. Only reliable Communists work in this office and in every arms and construction department. The fuse shop employs 800 men. 50X1-HUM
48. Motor Vehicle Shop No. II, which assembles and tests engines and which contains a coppersmith shop and upholstery and dispatch offices. Foreman in charge of the assembly of engines is Namec [redacted] The shop is estimated to employ 600 men. 50X1-HUM
- 48a. Secret Department, which constructs and tests prototypes. Admission is restricted. 50X1-HUM
49. Motor Vehicle Shop No. 1. This shop produces T-34 tanks for the USSR at a rate of two daily, and G-13 tanks for the Czech Army and for export [redacted] It is also producing 600 type L.P.D. trucks and 2,000 Ford-R trucks for the USSR. H.K.L. vehicles of an unknown type are being produced at a daily rate of two or three. The shop repairs Czech tanks of both Russian and Western origin. An air-cooled Diesel engine for tanks is under development. The shop employs 1,500 workers, who are headed by Ing. Gajer [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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50. Tool Shop, which makes tools both for the use of the plant and for export. The shop contains technical constructional offices, a tempering shop, and a forge for tools. It employs 900 persons.
51. Gear-cutting Shop, which cuts wheels in all dimensions for all departments of the Skoda Works, it employs 300 men.
52. Gunshop No. II, which contains a store for the motor vehicle shop, an apprentice shop, and technical offices for the machine-manufacturing shops and rolling mills. The chief is Ing. Babka. 50X1-HUM  
 The shop employs 150 men. 50X1-HUM
53. Gunshop No. I, which manufactures and assembles heavy artillery and which contains special barrel equipment for rifles. It employs 800 men.
54. Entrance No. 4 and Porter's Lodge.
55. Railway Station for the suburbs of Rizeka.
56. Mechanical Shop No. I, which mainly makes machine components for various departments, barrels and bolts for automatic weapons, and cigarette-manufacturing machines. It employs 800 men.
57. Mechanical Shop No. II, which does precision work such as AA rangefinders, fire-control instruments, and fine parts for the various departments. This shop is also the main transformer station and switchboard, with cables from the new generating station at Karlov. The shop also has production offices; it employs 900 men.
58. Gasworks and Coal Bunkers.
59. Gasometer.
60. Store No. II, which is a former hangar and which stores and tests new command (sic) instruments.
61. Administrative Building of the Czech National Railways.
62. Store No. I, which stores spare vehicle parts.
63. Repair Workshop No. I, which repairs all Skoda vehicles. Beneath the shop are special rooms for testing weapons under arctic and tropical conditions.
64. Store No. II, which stores electric parts for use in the Skoda Works.
65. Entrance No. 6 and Porter's Lodge.
66. Apprentice's House, which also contains technical offices for the design of blast furnaces.
67. Centrifugal Equipment of all types; here work 500 men in one shift.
68. Distillery, which also prepares material for the central material store and which employs 100-120 men.
69. Locomotive Factory, which is known as "Department 116". It was destroyed during the war but has been rebuilt and modern equipment installed; it is now the best factory in Czechoslovakia. It also manufactures broad-gauge locomotives for the USSR. It employs 1,000 men.
70. Bridge-building Factory, which is known as "Department 73". It manufactures bridges and bridge-building equipment of a type designed by Dr. Faltuse and Dr. Tesar. The factory also makes excavators. All production goes to the USSR. "Department 73/M" is devoted to bridge-building and "Department 73/P" to military bridge equipment. The factory employs 750 men.

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71. Repair Workshop No. II, which repairs salvaged tanks and tractors. It turns out 40 tractors, 20-25 tanks, and 20 other types of vehicles monthly; it employs 350-400 men.
72. Foundry No. I, which makes castings and parts from light metals only, used mainly by aircraft engines.
73. Store No. IV.
74. Fuel Storehouse, which formerly was composed of underground shelters.
75. Central Store for Materials. This building is newly erected and equipped. It stores all material for the Skoda Works at Pilsen, Doudlevce, and Hradec, and employs 200 men. At present, the works are experiencing a shortage in larger-sized ball bearings and in colored metals.
76. Assembly Shop No. I, which assembles military vehicles, tanks and tractors and employs 250 men.
77. Breaking-in and Testing Department, which breaks-in and tests all vehicles produced or repaired in the works, including tanks, military vehicles, and tractors. Foreman Frank [redacted]  
[redacted] The department employs 750 men.
- 77a. Oxygen Plant, which produces gas and oxygen for welding.
78. Administration of Buildings, which is responsible for maintaining the buildings of the plant. It has 50 employees, of whom 90 percent are Communists.
79. Entrance No. 5 and Porter's Lodge.
80. New Gasworks.
81. Karlov Housing Area.
82. Entrance No. 2 and Porter's Lodge.

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